

lost their lives at the Pentagon, the World Trade Center and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. All of these people and their families are in our thoughts and prayers on this somber occasion.

Although there is little that we in Congress can do to ease those families' suffering, by adopting this resolution, we are reaffirming our commitment to honor the memory of the people who were lost that day, while also paying tribute to those individuals who unselfishly risked their own lives to protect others.

Mr. Speaker, September 11th was one of the most difficult days in American history. But in the darkness of that day, an incredible spirit of bravery and hope emerged. Hundreds of emergency rescue personnel descended upon the scene at both the World Trade Center and the Pentagon with the sole purpose of assisting others. At the same time, ordinary people demonstrated amazing courage by trying to help others escape while putting themselves in peril and in fighting back against the terrorists on United Flight 93. It is truly remarkable how many people gave their lives trying to protect others. The bravery and generosity of these people is a lasting mark of September 11th.

In responding to these extraordinarily trying times, the true fabric of American society was illustrated to the world. Americans around the world came together and generously gave of themselves in a myriad of ways. Rescue workers spent countless hours at ground zero searching for survivors and then shuffling through the debris. Construction workers, ironworkers and other personnel tirelessly worked their way through the wreckage in an effort to clean up the site. Their important task would not be interrupted by exhaustion, injury or inclement weather. However, far away from ground zero, and across the globe, people generously gave their time, energy, money and caring to help support the loved ones of the lost victims. Today, we honor these selfless contributions.

As we gather now, one year later, it is my hope that we never forget the spirit that pervaded this country in the weeks and months following the attacks. As we continue to rebuild and to heal, we will need to draw upon that strength. The American people demonstrated amazing resolve and resilience in the last year, and it is a resolve that we must continue to maintain, day by day, week by week, this year and for many years, that we will preserve our freedoms, protect our families, and work to cleanse the world of the scourge of terrorism.

Mr. Speaker, in the wake of September 11th, Congress rallied in a strong bipartisan manner to quickly pass legislative measures to protect our country. It was this remarkable unity of purpose that most struck me when I was sworn into this body in October of last year. Over time, this unity has dissipated some, but our goal should remain clear. We in Congress owe it to the American people to do all that we can to make sure that the necessary resources are available to protect our country. This is a serious responsibility and not one that should be burdened by partisan debate. In the coming months, we must act responsibly and decisively to ensure that the people of the United States once again feel safe in their own cities and towns. I commend the leadership of both the Republican and

Democratic parties for recognizing this important anniversary and for introducing this thoughtful resolution.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE TOWN OF LA JARA

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor the town of La Jara, Colorado as a beacon of western spirit and pride for over a century. I am proud to have the pleasure of applauding a growing community that strengthens our society's values. The town is truly an inspirational token, established and sustained through determination and hard work and I am honored to pay tribute to the town today.

La Jara was incorporated on March 11, 1902 with Mayor Austin Valdez as the founding father and trailblazer for the town. La Jara settlers moved into the region to establish a better life and brought with them the vision and the tools to build a thriving community. La Jara's settlers first migrated West following the railroad and its expansionists prospects. The settlers lived in the region with no more than a few brick houses and a water tower and, although the lifestyle for each settler was hard and troublesome, the determination of those early pioneers laid the foundation that has upheld through the ages.

Initial settlement of the town is due in large to the San Luis Valley Company of the 1800s. In 1888, the company orchestrated a large sales campaign and sold numerous plots of land in La Jara. These plots motivated migrants to establish homes and settle the land in the valley, leading to a population boom by the 1890's. Today La Jara exists as an established town with all the essential functions and amenities of a metropolitan city.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my admiration and gratitude to the town and residents of La Jara, Colorado before this body of Congress and this nation. Truly the seeds of success have been planted in La Jara and are bringing forth the best for future generations.

#### TRIBUTE TO KIM ROAM

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2002*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that a longtime community leader in eastern Jackson County, MO, will be receiving the Citizen of the Year Award at the Truman Heartland Community Foundation annual benefit dinner. Mr. Kim Roam has demonstrated a strong commitment to the area and has helped to ensure a brighter future for the community.

Mr. Roam began his community activity in the county in 1983 after he joined the law firm Cochran, Oswald, McDonald Roam & Moore, P.C. Since that time he has served as Presi-

dent of the Blue Springs Jaycees, Chairman of the Blue Springs Chamber of Commerce, Grain Valley School District Parent Teacher Support Board Member, the Valley Arts and Beautification Council Member and a member of the Grain Valley Optimist Club.

Mr. Roam has also enjoyed recognition for being spotlighted as Blue Springs' Outstanding Citizen of 1994, as Rotary Citizen of the Year 1995, and as co-recipient of the Commerce Bank William T. Kemper Foundation Blue Springs Community Service Award, which he shared with his spouse, Debbie.

Mr. Kim Roam has distinguished himself as a community leader in eastern Jackson County. He has and continues to make his friends and family proud. I am certain that my colleagues will join me in wishing Kim Roam and his family all the best.

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SPEECH OF

**HON. PHILIP M. CRANE**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2002*

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in the House and Senate in commemorating the victims and heroes of September 11, 2001, during our special session of Congress held in Federal Hall in New York, New York.

On the days following the attacks on September 11th, Americans across the country came together to demonstrate the strength and resiliency of this great country. It is in that same spirit that we stand together today—both Republicans and Democrats—to reaffirm that strength and resiliency by showing a strong bipartisan expression that we are first and foremost Americans and are committed to protecting the freedoms and values that make this country great.

As we go through this week and revisit some of the darkest moments in our nation's history, we must remember that our nation has always been one that has triumphed over adversity. At times of great despair, America has consistently risen to its greatest hours.

In remembrance of those lives lost on September 11th and to heroes that emerged on that fateful day, I would like to close with some words from President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address:

"that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion . . . that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain . . . that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom . . . and that government of the people . . . by the people . . . for the people . . . shall not perish from the earth."

May God bless America.